



The Green Thumb

A Newsletter of Extension Horticultural Activities and Events
For York County Extension Volunteers

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Calendar of Future Events

See Calendar on the last page for Current Events

Aug 1-5	Jr. 4-H Camp, Jamestown 4-H Center
Aug 1-5, 8AM-1PM	Bird Camp for ages 8-11 at Chesapeake TCC; contact Lisa Behm at 822-5210 or lbehm@tcc.edu
Aug 4, 9:30-11:30AM	Safety Town, Coventry Elementary School
Aug 6, 10AM-12N	Lawn Renovation Clinic, Lotz Drive in Lotz Acres, Seaford
Aug 6,	Wetlands dedication at Charles Brown Park
Aug 10,	Creating a School Wildlife Garden, Seaford Elementary School
Aug 10, 6:30PM	4-H Chrysanthemum Project, Marketing Training
Aug 24, 12N-1PM	HearSay Gardening Radio Show, WHRO 89.5 FM
Aug 27, 10AM-12N	Lawn Maintenance Clinic, Grafton True Value Hardware
Tues, June-Sept	Plant a Row for the Hungry; call Sheela Macumber (757) 482-5569 for more information

For additions/corrections to the Calendar of Events contact Jody at 890-4940, or Byrdie Hawley at 898-6175 or E-mail dabhawley@cox.net (Put Green Thumb in the subject line). The deadline for the Green Thumb is ALWAYS the 15th of the month, no exception.

E-mail changes: If you have changes to any of the methods of communication to you please notify Jody. Jody will pass the word. We want to keep in contact with you. These changes will be posted to the weekly e-mails and will be in the Green Thumb.

Thursdays Work/Learn Day in the Learning Garden 9:30 – 11:30 a.m:

The first Thursday of each month we start with a planning meeting in the Environmental Services Building and then are in the garden, time permitting.

LANDSCAPE TEAM NEEDED FOR LEARNING GARDEN!!

Experienced in landscape design or just interested? Become part of a team to study the learning garden and design a master development plan that will showcase our upcoming projects. Call Teela Robertson 890-2709, Terry Hanson 872-9639 or Jackie Lohr 898-5741.

Master Gardener Mission Statement

Our mission, as trained volunteers in partnership with the York County, Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent, is to provide horticultural educational opportunities to the public through research-based horticultural programs and activities to enhance our environment, lives and community.

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We had a wonderful study trip to the western part of the state, which included Richmond, Lynchburg, Lexington, Stanton, and Fishersville. Can you believe... a 10-vehicle caravan! Study trips are made possible through the generous help of many people, but at this point I would like to recognize Eleanor Hill for her many hours of research, calling, and begging to put the program together. I also want to make you aware that our York County Board of Supervisors really do support the advanced education of Master Gardeners through the use of county resources; we used two vehicles along with gas, toll money, special meal, lodging, and entrance fee incentives and other items. I am including their contact information in case you want to express your gratitude for their continued annual support of our educational program and the educational study trip. It is important to express the kinds of information that you learned while on this study trip.

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So many others opened their doors to allow us to study their gardens or their educational programs. I am going to list these for you so that you might be able to express your gratitude.

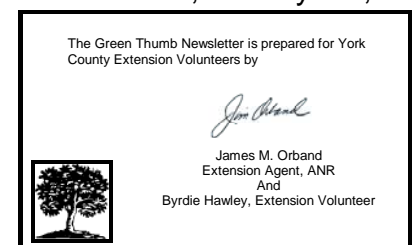
Dr. Bankes is always helpful and a wonderful resource on the trip. He provided the landscape tour at Amphill Plantation. Dr. David Bankes 108 Main St., Newport News, VA 23606

Don Davis, Extension Agent Lynchburg showed us his garden and then took us to Jubilee Community Center. Don Davis, PO Box 2286, Lynchburg, VA 24501-2286

Debbie Hizer of Jubilee Family Development Center spoke to us about after school activities. Debbie Hizer, 214 Cabin Rd., Madison Heights, VA 24572

Charlie Ross of the Hutton YMCA spoke to us about after school activities. Charlie Ross, 224 Ivy Dr., Lynchburg, VA 24503

Lynn Shelton of R.S. Payne Elementary School spoke about their in-school programming. Lynn Shelton, 3000 Rivermont Ave., Apt. #5, Lynchburg, VA 24503



Jerome Copper shared his garden in Madison Heights.
Jerome Copper, 260 Seminole Dr., Madison Heights, VA 24572

Hunter Mohring, coordinator at Boxerwood Gardens, gave us the tour. Hunter Mohring, Boxerwood Gardens, 936 Ross Rd., Lexington, VA 24450

Earlene Chapman served cookies and great tea at her garden in the Shenandoah Valley. Earlene Chapman, 1379 Battlefield Rd., Grottoes, VA 24441

Thank you for participating in this study trip. Since our first study trip to the "Herbfest," these trips have been informal opportunities that expose you to gardens, speakers, and philosophies about Horticulture. We had a pleasant dose of gardens with different purposes. We listened and thought about programming of the Lynchburg Master Gardeners. And of course, finding plant purchases is always fun. I trust that this study trip was beneficial and you can incorporate some thought in your garden. It was my pleasure to be with you.

I will be teaching 2 classes of Splint Stool Weaving at junior 4-H Camp, July 2, 3, and 4, from 1-3 pm. Each class will have approximately 10 students. If interested in helping and learning the skill please call me. Also, Cooperative Extension supports the Safety Town program, an educational safety camp for youth ages 5 –8, July 14, 21, 28 and August 4. We could always use your help. Please call me at 890-4940. Jim

Be sure to listen to “Gardening Hearsay” on July 13, 12:00–1:00 pm on WHRO – 89.5.

The summer heat has set in, so I hope you are at least able to enjoy your garden in the early morning and evening. Several MG programs are just beginning, such as lawn teams, Safety Town, 4-H camp, etc, so see where you can help out. They can always use more volunteers. We will not be having a programming meeting during the months of July and August, but will meet again on Sept. 13th, 9:30, St. Luke's. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Study Trip. Great gardens, great fun, and everyone learned something new!! Thank you to Eleanor and Jim for all your efforts to make the trip so rewarding. Have a great summer and see you in September. Terry Hanson

The Food Closet located at St. Luke's serves a community need through its voluntary contributions. Over 500 families in need were assisted last year with bags of food.

St. Luke's has always been very generous with us in allowing us to use its facilities. At our monthly meetings held at the church, it would be a most kind and generous gesture if we were able to offer our support to this program. If you would bring any food item to donate, it would be so greatly appreciated. Just think of an extra can, jar or package of food when you do your grocery shopping and remember to bring it with you to the next meeting. Always needed are cereals, canned meats, peanut butter and jelly, juices, or canned fruits and vegetables.

If you are interested in a specialty Master Gardener License Plate,
contact Tom Bolt at TOMBOLT@COX.NET

4-H Chrysanthemum Project 2005: Please watch the 4-H mum site for photo gallery and how we are updating kids by way of the web. Just click on "4-H Chrysanthemum Growing" under the Lady bug on the home page. Contact Rene' Kauder at 868-9606 or rbkauder@cox.net for more information. Thanks!

Master Gardener Volunteers, please mark your calendars

The tenth annual **Waynesboro Plant Health Care for Urban Trees Workshop** will be held on Friday, September 9, 2005 at the Waynesboro Country Club and Ridgeview Park. Program speakers will include: Dr. Bonnie Appleton, Dr. Bruce Fraedrich, Mr. James Urban, and Mr. Rip Tompkins with ArborMaster . There will be a Southern style BBQ pig picking and several great door prize giveaways, including a chain saw. This program is sponsored by the Virginia Urban Forest Council (Trees Virginia). For more information, or to receive a brochure, contact:

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Nursery, Landscape and Urban Forestry Field Day: Virginia Beach, VA - Due to an unanticipated conflict, the date for the 30th annual Nursery, Landscape and Urban Forestry Field Day of Virginia Tech's Hampton Roads Agricultural Research and Extension Center (HRAREC) has been changed from Wednesday, September 14, to Thursday, September 15, 2005. Registration begins at 8am, with the educational sessions starting at 9am and ending at 3pm. Attending four (4) designated sessions will earn three (3) CEUs for both Virginia Nursery and Landscape Association (VNLA) and International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) recertification.

Registration, which includes lunch, is \$16.00 if registered by September 1st, and \$20.00 thereafter and at the door. In addition to the scheduled presentations and demonstrations there will be educational exhibits and demonstration gardens to visit, and an auction conducted by the Hampton Roads Nursery and Landscape Association. This is a commercial, not a consumer or homeowner field day.

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